GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3679
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2002
FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases of freedom fighters are still pending for decision for giving them pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases received from each State and the number of cases approved during the last one year and as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which pending cases are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): As on 31.3.2002, 92 cases where State Reports have been received recently, are pending decision. State-wise details are as under:-

State	No. of State Reports
Andhra Pradesh	63
Bihar	5
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Gujarat	2
Karnataka	7
Kerala	1
Maharashtra	2
Punjab	1
Uttar Pradesh	5
West Bengal	5

(c): A Statement indicating the number of cases received from the State Governments, the number of cases sanctioned, during the last one year, i.e. 1.4.2001 to 31.3.2002 and the number of cases received from the State Governments as on date, i.e. 1.4.2002to 10.4.2002 is at Annexure-I. The remaining about 1400 cases have been disposed off either by rejecting for non fulfilment of the eligibility criteria or seeking clarifications due to discrepancies in the verification reports.

(d): The consideration of claims for freedom fighter pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme is a continuous process. All efforts are made to dispose off the cases duly verified and recommended by the State Governments within 45 days of the receipt of the same.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3679 FOR 16.4 REGARDING FREEDOM FIGHTERS` PENSION.

SL.NO.	NAME OF STATE/UT	No. of cases received during the period 1.4.2001 to 31.3.2002.	No.of cases sanctioned for pension during 1.4.2001 to 31.3.2002.	No.of cases received during the period 1.4.2002 to 10.4.2002

1. Andhra Pradesh	153	1	77
2. Assam	14	-	1
3. Bihar	301	12	7
4. Goa	16	-	1
5. Gujarat	37	1	-
6. Haryana	18	3	1
7 Himachal Pradesh	11	1	2
8. Jammu & Kashmir	13	-	-
9. Karnataka	43	4	5
10. Kerala	189	9	10
11. Madhya Pradesh	68	2	4
12. Maharashtra	18	3	7
13. Orissa	33	2	4
14. Punjab	67	-	2
15. Rajasthan	10	-	-
16. Tamil Nadu	106	1	7
17. Tripura	1	1	-
18. Uttar Pradesh	105	2	-
19. West Bengal	330	3	14
20. NCT of Delhi	13	-	-
21. Pondicherry	2	-	-
22. INA			3
Total	1548	48	142